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2/7/01PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed concurrently with the filing of a divisional patent application claiming priority to parent application No. 09/273,099 filed March 19, 1999, based on provisional application Serial No. 60/080,448 filed on April 2, 1998.

Please amend this application as follows.

In the Specification:

On page 1, after the title, please insert the following sentence: This is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/273,099 filed on March 19, 1999, which claims priority of provisional application Serial No. 60/080,448 filed on April 2, 1998.

On page 1, line 30, after "infection," insert --but--.

On page 2, line 5, after "IFN- β)" insert a comma; in line 6, change "PH" to --pH--; in line 8, after "is" insert --the--; in line 10, delete the comma (first occurrence); in line 14, change "coli derived" to --E.-coli-derived--; in line 22, change "disfunction" to --dysfunction--.

On page 3, line 5, change "Wilet" to --Wiley--; in line 9, after "as" (second occurrence) insert --of--.